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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to papers filed on November 25, 2003.
2. The IDS filed on November 25, 2003 and July 7, 2004 have been entered and considered.

Priority

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Japan on 05/29/2001. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the PCT/JP01/04511 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6 052 714; Miike et al. April 18, 2000. Information Filtering Apparatus and method for retrieving a selected article from information resources.
6. As to claim 1 An information providing apparatus that provides information to a terminal of user through a network, comprising:

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-storage unit for storing environmental conditions that are predetermined conditions for an event relating information provided by predetermined information provider; Miike teaches an apparatus with a storage unit of predetermined conditions.(C.3 I. 32-36)

-a control unit for acquiring user conditions that are inputted by the user and that are the conditions relating and specific to the user, from the terminal of the user through the network; Miike teaches an apparatus with a unit for receiving conditions(C. 3 I. 48-49)

-a structuring unit for structuring, in conformity with the environmental conditions, detailed information that is the information corresponding the user conditions relating for the event, wherein Miike teaches an apparatus with a unit for querying information (C. 3 I. 62-63)

-the control unit distributes the detailed information to the terminal. Miike teaches an apparatus with a unit that distributes the information(C. 4 I. 7-9)

7. As to claim 2 Miike teaches an apparatus with a storing unit and a unit to perform query(C. 4 . 7-12)

and allows user to alter extracted information(C. 7 I. 57-60).

8. As to claims 3 and 4 Miike teaches an apparatus with a unit executing a program in response to conditions(C. 3 I. 47-49)

9. As to claim 5 Miike teaches an apparatus with a unit that can create a value to determine information(C. 4 I. 1-4)

10. As to claim 6 Miike teaches an apparatus with changing conditions and recreating detailed information that is distributed to the user(C. 7 I. 65-67; C. 8 I. 1-2).

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11. As to claim 7 Miike teaches an apparatus providing a news article as the information(c. 3 l. 2-4).

12. As to claim 8 Miike teaches an apparatus linked via a network(c. 3 l. 10-11)

Conclusion

13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Non-patent literature article "Federal Trade Commission Closes Inquiry into Alexa Internet; Declines to take any action. Business Wire; New York, May 29, 2001. Foreign Patent EP 0 718 784 A1; Dasan; Personalized Information Retrieval.

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14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Traci L Smith whose telephone number is (703)605-1155. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am-4:30 pm.

15. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 703.308-2702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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